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Help Plan Your Parks!

Great Parks, Great Communities Meeting Slated for Providence

The Providence supervisory district—which includes Tysons Corner, Merrifield and the Vienna Metro station area—is projected to have Fairfax County's third highest population growth rate (19%) from 2000-2010. About 6.7% of the district land area is in parkland, compared to 9.5% countywide. At the *Great Parks, Great Communities* workshop to be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Luther Jackson Middle School cafeteria, citizens will have the opportunity to share ideas with the Park Authority on how best to balance the park system to meet growing park and recreation needs in Providence District.

Great Parks, Great Communities is an exciting new planning process initiated to get your ideas for balancing Fairfax County's future park needs and resources, within each district of the County.

Parks are a critical element in healthy, thriving communities. The Park Authority's multi-faceted mission is to protect environmental and cultural resources within Fairfax County, as well as to create and sustain quality recreational facilities. The Great Parks, Great Communities planning initiative provides an opportunity for each community to help the Park Authority examine how our park system, facilities and services are balanced at the local level.

Contact Project Manager Andi Dorlester at 703-324-8692 for more information or visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/greatparks.htm.

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